(c) The National Film Development Corporation is already encouraging young talent in the country to produce films. Import of films is not considered to be a discouraging factor for young producers. In fact, international cinema brought to the country encourages creative interaction among young talented persons.

Manufacture of LPG Cylinders

1317. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the shortfall in the manufacture of LPG cylinders for the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the failure to manufacture cylinders in adequate numbers has been the major constraint in extending supply to smaller places in the country;

(c) what are the reasons due to which adequate number of cylinders could not be manufactured in the country all these years; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the increasing demand of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) The shortfall in availability of cylinders against the requirement in the last three years is as under:

1981-82 .. 2.56 lakhs
1982-83 .. 5.00 lakhs
1983-84 .. 17.83 lakhs

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The installed capacity for manufacturing LPG cyliner in the country on 31-12-1983 was 56.33 lakhs per annum. The shortfall in availability of cylinders was primarily due to shortage of LPG cylinders steel and power cut in many States.

(d) The installed capacity for cylinders manufacturing as on 30-6-84 has increased to 85 lakhs per annum. In order to meet the increased demand, import of 3 lakh cylinders is being made. Adequate indigenous production of LPG steel has been ensured. Further, State Governments were requested to exempt cylinder manufacturing units from power cuts. In 1984-85, Self-sufficiency in production of cylinders in the country is expected.

Telecast of '7-episode' T.V. Film

1318. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when the '7-episode' T.V. serial which was co-produced by national Film Development Corporation with M/S Technisoner a public sector undertaking in France as mentioned at page 38 of the Annual Report (1983-84) of his Ministry is likely to be telecast in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Doordarshan will be able to telecast the '7-episode' T.V. film serial as and when the co-producers make available to Doordarshan the rights for telecast in India.

Telecast of T.V. films by outside, producers

1319. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when the T.V. films produced by outside producers as mentioned in the Annual Report (Page 30) of his Ministry (1983-84) are likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): The position of the telecast of T.V. films mentioned in the Annual Report of the Ministry of In-